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The relevance of the cited documents is indicated in the Office Action of the German Patent Office, dated October 11, 2004, being submitted herewith. International Publication No. WO 96/18694 is the equivalent of German Patent No. DE 695 15 129 T2, cited in the German Office Action. German Patent No. 21 36 055 C3, cited in the German Office Action, is the equivalent of U.S. Patent No. 3,687,887, previously cited in Applicants' IDS filed on July 25, 2005.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that the cited documents be considered by the Examiner in the above-identified patent application and that the cited documents be made officially of record therein. It is further requested that a listing of the same appear on the face of any patent which may issue from this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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